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Patent Claims What is claimed is:

1. An electromagnetic switching device (1) having, comprising:  
-an electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) and having;  
a moving contact element (5) which can be operated, operatable by the by this  
drive apparatus (4) and can be switchable between a bridging position, which  
adapted to connects a pair of stationary contacts (6, 7), and a disconnected position,  
adapted to which disconnects the stationary contacts (6, 7), characterized by;  
an actuating apparatus (3) having including an actuating element (12) which  
interactsadapted to interact with the moving contact element (5) and can be  
movedmoveable between an operating position and a safe position, in which  
easewherein, in the operating position, the moving contact element is switchable (5)  
can be switched by means of the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) between the  
bridging position and the disconnected position, and in which easewherein, by  
movement of the actuating element (12) to the safe position, the moving contact  
element (5) canis adapted to be blocked from moving from the bridging position to  
the disconnected position, and easis adapted to be blocked in the disconnected  
position.
2. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in  
thatwherein the moving contact element is adapted to (5) can be blocked in the  
bridging position by the actuating element (12) when the actuating element (12) is in  
an on position.
3. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the  
actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable, and further comprising:  
characterized by an auxiliary switch (17) which, coupled to the the manually  
operatable actuating apparatus (3) which can be operated manually, adapted to  
disconnects the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) from its power supply when the  
actuating element (12) is in the safe position.
4. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3 claim  
1, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable and wherein

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characterized in that the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4), the moving contact element (5) and the actuating element (12) which can be operated manually are intersected by a common axis (A).

5. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4,  
wherein characterized in that the actuating element is ~~(12)~~ can be movable ~~ed~~ linearly  
relative to the moving contact element ~~(5)~~

6. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein characterized in that the actuating apparatus is (2) which can be operated manually operable and is mechanically coupled to a basic appliance, the basic appliance including (3) which comprises the electromagnetic drive apparatus, (4) as well as the moving contact element (5) and the stationary contacts (6, 7).

7. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that wherein the actuating apparatus (3) which can be operated manually is latched to the basic appliance (2), which acts as a contactor.

8. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein the actuating apparatus (3) which can be operated manually can be operatable by way means of a rotary switch (15).

9. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in one of claims 1 to 8,  
wherein characterized in that the actuating apparatus (3) which can be operated  
manually ~~can~~ is adapted to be blocked in the safe position by way means of a lock  
(16).

10. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operable, and further comprising: an auxiliary switch, coupled to the manually operable actuating apparatus, adapted to disconnect the electromagnetic drive apparatus from its power supply when the actuating element is in the safe position.

11. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable and wherein the electromagnetic drive apparatus, the moving contact element and the actuating element are intersected by a common axis.
12. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating element is movable linearly relative to the moving contact element.
13. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is manually operatable and is mechanically coupled to a basic appliance, the basic appliance including the electromagnetic drive apparatus, the moving contact element and the stationary contacts.
14. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating apparatus is latched to the basic appliance, which acts as a contactor.
15. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is operable by way of a rotary switch.
16. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be blocked in the safe position by way of a lock.
17. An electromagnetic switching device, comprising:  
a moving contact element, switchable between a bridging position, adapted to connect a pair of stationary contacts, and a disconnected position, adapted to disconnect the stationary contacts;  
actuating means for interacting with the moving contact element, moveable between an operating position and a safe position; and  
means for switching the moving contact element between the bridging position and the disconnected position, wherein, by movement of the actuating means to the safe position, the moving contact element is blocked from moving from the bridging position to the disconnected position, and is blocked in the disconnected position.

18. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the moving contact element is blocked in the bridging position by the actuating means when the actuating means is in an on position.

19. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is manually operatable, and further comprising:  
switching means, coupled to the manually operatable actuating means, for disconnecting the means for switching from its power supply when the actuating means is in the safe position.

20. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is manually operatable and wherein the means for switching, the moving contact element and the actuating means are intersected by a common axis.